by Commissioner of Customs: April 13, 1999.

#### Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff. [FR Doc. 99–10766 Filed 4–28–99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–DS–P

## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### International Trade Administration

North Carolina State University; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 99–002. Applicant: North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695. Instrument: Lifetime Measurement System, Model JANUS 200–M. Manufacturer: Amecon Messtechnik, Germany. Intended Use: See notice at 64 FR 10991.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides laser excitation/microwave detection of the photoconduction decay for contactless measurement of the carrier lifetime and lifetime mapping of silicon wafers from 15 to 300 mm diameter. The National Institute of Standards and Technology advised April 8, 1999 that (1) this capability is pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

## Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff. [FR Doc. 99–10765 Filed 4–28–99; 8:45 am]

## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

## **International Trade Administration**

[C-427-817, C-533-818, C-560-806, C-475-827, C-580-837]

Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate From France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and the Republic of Korea: Postponement of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Investigations

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Postponement of Time Limit for Preliminary Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigations

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Greynolds (France), at (202) 482–6071; Robert Copyak (India), at (202) 482–2209; Kathleen Lockhard (Indonesia), at (202) 482–1168; Kristen Johnson (Italy), at (202) 482–4406; and Stephanie Moore (Republic of Korea), at (202) 482–3692, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

## POSTPONEMENT OF PRELIMINARY

DETERMINATIONS: On March 8, 1999, the Department initiated the countervailing duty investigations on certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate from France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and the Republic of Korea. See Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate from France, India, Indonesia, Italy and the Republic of Korea, 64 FR 12996 (March 16, 1999). The preliminary determinations currently must be issued by May 12, 1999

On April 19, 1999, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation, Gulf States Steel, Inc., IPSCO Steel Inc., and Tuscaloosa Steel Corporation (petitioners) made a timely request pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(e) of the Department's regulations for a postponement of the preliminary determinations in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Petitioners requested a postponement because of the extraordinarily complicated nature of these cases, the large number of foreign producers involved, and to allow time for the Department to determine the extent to which particular subsidies are being used.

For reasons identified by petitioners, we see no compelling reason not to postpone the preliminary

determinations. Therefore, we are postponing the preliminary determinations under section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act. See Memorandum from Holly Kuga to Robert S. LaRussa, dated April 21, 1999 (on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, Room B–099 of the Department of Commerce). We will make our preliminary determinations in these investigations no later than July 16, 1999.

This notice of postponement is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

#### Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

# **Department of the Navy**

Notice of Public Hearing and Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Disposal and Reuse of Naval Air Station (NAS) Alameda and the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC), Alameda Annex and Facility, Alameda, CA

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a DEIS for disposal and reuse of NAS Alameda and FISC Alameda Annex and Facility. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, State and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present at the hearing.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on May 18, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Alameda High School, Little Theatre; 2200 Central Avenue; Alameda, California (at the corner of Central Avenue and Walnut Street).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jerry Hemstock (Code 7032JH), Engineering Field Activity, West, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 900 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, California, telephone (650) 244–3023, facsimile (650) 244-3206.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), the Department